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BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SHOPS ACT, 1812

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council have made a Closing Order, of which a copy is annexed hereto, and have submitted the Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

A copy of the Order may be obtained by any person whom it may concern on application at the Offices of the Council at Pierremont Hall.

If any person desires to make any objections to the provisions of the Order, he should address a written statement to the Secretary of State, Home Department, London, within one month from the date hereof, i.e., before the 21st day of June, 1941.

DATED this 20th day of May, 1941.

E. F. OWEN,
Clerk of the Council.

URBAN DISTRICT OF BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S

Closing Order under Section 5 of the Shops Act, 1812

WHEREAS the Urban District Council of BROADSTARIS AND ST. PETER'S, as the Local Authority for the said Urban District for the purposes of the Shops Act, 1912, being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for the making of a Closing Order under Section 5 of such Act, gave public notice in the prescribed manner and in the prescribed form, of their intention to make an Order.

AND WHEREAS no objections were made to the making of the proposed Order.

AND WHEREAS the Council are satisfied that it is expedient to make the Order and that at least two-thirds in number of the shops to be affected by the Order approve the Order.

NOW THEREFORE the Council do hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Broadstairs and St. Peter's (Shops) Closing Order, 1941, and, subject to the proviso to sub-section (3) of Section 6 of the Shops Acts, 1912, shall become final and have effect as soon as confirmed by the Secretary of State.

2. The closing hours for all shops in the Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's, other than those shops carrying on the trade or business of selling tobacco and smokers' requisites, and the trade or business of selling newspapers and periodicals and the business of a barber or hairdresser, shall be not later than 8.0 p.m. on the late day and not later than 7.0 p.m. on any other day in the week.

DATED this Fifth day of May, 1941.

GRANDMA'S FIGHTING SPIRIT

ASSAULT ON YOUNG WOMAN

An assault on a young woman by a woman who has several grandchildren was described at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Mrs. Charlotte Shepherd, of St. George's-road, was summoned for assaulting Constance Ruth Hope, of Hereson-road, on 13th May.

Plaintiff said that at 9.45 p.m. she was standing talking to three friends when defendant passed by. Mrs. Shepherd came back and with her clenched fist punched witness in the jaw. She was dazed for a few moments and her two friends were holding Mrs. Shepherd to prevent her from hitting witness again. Mrs. Shepherd had stated that witness was expelled from the County School, which was not true.

Mrs. Shepherd alleged that plaintiff had been making a laughing-stock of her and had called her a "dirty skunk." She had also called her daughter, who had three children, a "filthy lot."

Plaintiff denied these allegations.

Fining Mrs. Shepherd 5s., the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) reminded her that if she was insulted she had her remedy by applying for a summons.

EFFICIENT AIRMAN

BUT THE CAR HIT KERB

"You locked the door after the horse had bolted," commented the Assistant Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) at Ramsgate police court on Monday, when L/A/C James Dennington Long, R.A.F., told the magistrates that he took out a driving license two days after he had met with an accident in a car which he was driving.

Long was summoned for driving without having in force a policy of insurance and there was a second summons for failing to have a driving license.

A/C/I Hicks said Long had been repairing the car for another man but he had not been given permission to drive it. Long brought the car to Ramsgate, where it crashed. The terms of the policy in respect of the car were that it should be driven only by the policyholder or a person who had the policyholder's consent.

D/C Hopper said at 1.20 p.m. on 6th May he was walking down Hereson-road when he saw Long driving a motor car towards the traffic lights. Long turned right into Dane Park-road and the car struck the kerb and overturned. When asked for his driving license, Long said "I am afraid I have not got one. It expired about two years ago." He later saw Long at the police station in company with the owner of the car. Long then stated that he repaired the petrol pump on the car and he took it out to test it without thinking about the insurance. He further stated that in America five years previously he held a license which was equivalent to a learner's license in this country.

An R.A.F. officer said Long had qualified as a wireless operator and was awaiting a course as an airman pilot. He had been in the service for two years but there were no entries on his conduct sheet. His R.A.F. record was very good indeed and he was an able and willing worker. "He is one of my most efficient men," said the officer.

Defendant was fined 10s. on the first summons and 5s. on the second, but his license was not suspended.

ADOPTING A BUFF

PARCELS TO A PRISONER

Once every three months the next-of-kin of a prisoner—his wife, or if he is not married, his parents or his next nearest relative—is allowed to send him a parcel.

There are, at the moment, about 180 prisoners of The Buffs whose next-of-kin are unable to send such parcels. In conjunction with the British Red Cross Society, the Regiment has undertaken to make such supply.

In doing so it asks its many friends to assist by sending any quantity of the following articles which should be directed to Mrs. Crookenden, Green Bank, Barham, near Canterbury:

Blankets, brilliantine in tins, brushes of all kinds, clothing (including underwear), dentifrice (powder but not solid or in tubes), hussif containing usual items, pencils, pipes and tobacco pouch, safety razors and blades, safety tin openers, shoe polish (solid, not liquid and not in tubes), soap, towels, face cloths and sponges.

Anyone wishing to adopt one or more of such parcel-less prisoners should communicate with Mrs. Crookenden.

DEATH IN CAPTIVITY

Pte. F. A. Parker, of The Buffs, is reported to have died while a prisoner of war.

Pte. F. S. Tebble, of The Buffs, who was first reported to have died on service is now reported to have been killed.

HIS "TWENTY-FIRST"

A gunner stationed in South-East England thought his 21st birthday would be a fiasco.

But the Y.M.C.A. took a hand. They begged a cake and 21 candles. Two women helpers loaded it into a tea car with all the birthday fare they could find and drove to the gunner's post.

The Major gave him a huge key covered with silver paper, the sergeant-major handed him a lily, and a score of pals drank his health.

The men of the post celebrated with a variety concert.

TORPEDOED COUPLE SAVED

ADRIFT IN THE ATLANTIC

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gray, of the Bull's Head Hotel, Margate, Mrs. Esme Smith and her husband, Mr. William Smith, were among 500 passengers and crew of a British ship saved through the vigilance of a flying boat pilot after the vessel had been torpedoed last month.

An official communiqué describing the rescue simply stated: "While still several hundred miles out in the Atlantic a Catalina flying-boat on her way to England from the United States of America reported sighting lifeboats containing survivors from a torpedoed merchant ship. A destroyer was immediately despatched to the position indicated and the occupants of the boats have been rescued."

In a graphic description of the rescue Mr. Smith, who was returning to his post as a railway boiler inspector after having been home on leave, said "My wife and I were both asleep when I heard a terrific crash. We were out of bed in a couple of jiffs and I said to the wife 'I think we have been hit.' She insisted that I put on a sweater, sports jacket, flannels and overcoat before we went to the lounge, which was our muster-room. Most of the other passengers were in the lounge but none of us really knew what had happened. I saw no kind of panic at all. Everyone was very calm. It's really one of those things which you read about but cannot believe until you have actually been through it."

Ship Shelled.

Although the enemy submarine was shelling the ship, Mr. Smith said the passengers waited calmly until an officer called to them to take to the boats. While he was waiting he tried to cheer up some old people who were sitting quietly in one corner of the lounge.

"When we reached the lifeboats," added Mr. Smith, "we found that one had already been smashed. We got as many children and mothers as possible into our boat and then my wife and I who were the last two passengers to enter it, jumped in. We pulled away and when we had gone a reasonable distance I looked back just in time to see the boilers go up.

"We rowed about for hours and waited for morning to come. By this time we were pretty miserable but the women and children were all fine. We had to bale out all the time as the boat was taking in water.

"Just after dawn we heard the drone of a plane. At first we thought it was a Jerry but it came down low and I was never so pleased to see the rings of the R.A.F. as I was then. We signalled the name of the ship and the plane replied. We did not know what the message was but we guessed that it was 'Will send help.' The plane spotted us about four hours after we were torpedoed.

"All day we waited, searching and praying for a ship. The hours went slowly by but no ship appeared. And then at 10.15 p.m. someone shouted that there was a ship coming. A destroyer raced up to us and we all climbed aboard.

"Those boys of the Navy were great," declared Mr. Smith with enthusiasm. "They managed to feed 500 of us for 2½ days and we did not go short. The men were given rum and the women made comfortable in the officers' mess. One sailor gave me a pair of slippers because I had lost mine when I jumped from our ship into the lifeboat."

Minster Starts It Off

FIRST THANET WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Minster set the ball rolling as far as War Weapons Weeks in Thanet are concerned when Brig. James, V.C., opened the local effort on Saturday.

The village had aimed at raising the modest sum of £500. In the first few hours the investments were well on the way towards £200.

Prior to the opening Brig. James inspected a parade by members of the Home Guard and other services.

Introducing Brig. James, who deputised for Lady Carson, Councillor W. Loveday said it was the duty of every resident of Minster to save every penny they could. The country needed their help and the more they saved now the sooner the war would be over. If everyone did their bit he was confident they would exceed their aim of £500.

Brig. James said that since the last war, which was to have finished all wars, we had reduced our Navy, Army and Air Force, while the Germans had adopted a policy of "Guns before butter." To a certain extent it was their own fault that they were now having to try to catch up Germany and it was the duty of every citizen to help the country to do so. They were fighting a war of materials and the more money that was lent to provide those materials the quicker it would be over.

"Liberty cannot be destroyed by terror, and in spite of perils past and to come, we shall get through."—Viscount Simon.

"We are on the up-grade. Never mind the croakers. We are winning and we are winning every hour."—The Minister of Labour

HUSBAND'S FRIENDSHIP

MORE MONEY FOR WIFE

A statement that a woman friend paid half the rent of his house as consideration for his friendship was made by a married man at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Scott applied for a variation of a maintenance order made against her husband, George Albert Scott, of Southwood-road.

Mrs. Scott said on 20th November, 1939, an order was made against her husband for the payment of 17s. 6d. a week. On 12th April her husband asked her to return to him. He said he had received an appointment as a shunter, was earning £4 a week and would allow her £3 a week for house-keeping. She said she would think the matter over but a week later, before she had made a decision, her husband came to her and withdrew the offer.

Witness said at the time she was considering going back to her husband. She was not now prepared to return to him.

In reply to Mr. A. R. Young, representing the husband, Mrs. Scott said she would not return to her husband while the girl he was friendly with was still in Ramsgate. She had never suggested that her husband should divorce her. She served in her mother's cafe but did not receive any wages for it. She admitted she was friendly with some of her mother's customers.

Scott said the reason he withdrew the offer was that when he saw his wife she showed him two letters she had received from a man serving in the Forces. He had also seen her with other men.

Asked by the Assistant Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) about the house in Southwood-road, Scott replied "I pay the rent with the assistance of my young lady friend. The rent is 15s. and we pay 7s. 6d. a week each. We pool our money. If we did not I could not pay my wife."

In reply to the Assistant Clerk, defendant said his lady friend paid half the rent in consideration of their friendship. The young lady visited the house every day.

After both husband and wife had stated that a reconciliation was impossible, the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the order would be increased to 30s. a week and defendant would have to pay 8s. 6d. court costs.

A BAG OF FIVE

SPITFIRES' REVENGE

Avenging the loss of two machines of their squadron earlier in the day, four Spitfires destroyed five Messerschmitts over the Channel on Monday afternoon.

This brought the squadron's total bag to 87.

While protecting a convoy the four Spitfires encountered ten Messerschmitts and in the next five minutes brought down five without loss to themselves. Two of our pilots bagged two each and a third got one. Only one of the Germans had time to bale out before the machines crashed into the sea.

Having run out of ammunition the Spitfires then had to race for home as another formation of about 25 yellow noses was seen approaching.

The fight, which took place almost at the heights of the stratosphere, is believed to have been a tryout by the Luftwaffe of an improved fighter.

In the encounter earlier in the day, when a large formation of Messerschmitt 109s pounced on two fighters and shot them down, the pilots of both machines baled out and were reported to be safe.

THE 39s REGISTER

More than 300 men from the Thanet towns registered for national service on Saturday.

At Ramsgate the figure was 152, including men from Broadstairs, while at Margate, Westgate and Birchington 123 men registered. Sixty-eight attended at Sandwich Employment Exchange.

The registration was for men born between 1st January and 31st December, 1902, and many expressed a preference to serve with the A.F.S. and the police force. As with those in higher age groups, many men will be placed with branches of civil defence.

REVOLVERS WANTED

Many thousands of Colt, Webley and Smith and Wesson revolvers are still in the hands of civilians, principally as souvenirs of the last war, and are serving no useful purpose at the present time.

Good use could be made of these weapons and holders are asked to hand them in immediately at their local police station.

Where available Fire Arms Certificates should be handed in at the same time for cancellation or amendment.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 10.37 p.m.—5.15 a.m.
Wednesday	10.39 p.m.—5.14 a.m.
Thursday	.. 10.41 p.m.—5.13 a.m.
Friday	... 10.42 p.m.—5.12 a.m.
Saturday	... 10.43 p.m.—5.10 a.m.
Sunday	... 10.44 p.m.—5. 9 a.m.
Monday	... 10.45 p.m.—5. 8 a.m.

FIRST AIRGRAPH LETTER

ARRIVES AT RAMSGATE

In the first batch of airgraph letters to reach this country from soldiers and airmen serving in the Middle East was one which was delivered in Ramsgate on Friday.

It was from Spr. Ronald G. Lynch, Royal Engineers, whose home is in Codrington-road, Ramsgate. The letter was to his sister, Mrs. H. Dudman, of Coronation-road.

As announced by the Post Office last month, arrangements had been completed for the delivery of letters from the Middle East to be speeded up. Letters to Great Britain are photographed and the tiny film is sent to this country by air. Upon arrival the film is developed and the message posted in an airgraph envelope.

The copy of the letter is approximately four inches wide by five inches in length, and contains in very small handwriting the original letter from the soldier.

Spr. Lynch wrote his letter on 22nd April. "Just received postcard dated 7th April, along with some from Mum. . . . Don't forget to send them as often as possible," he wrote. "I'm getting your papers now and very handy they are, too. I look forward to receiving them every week. Don't worry about me back home. I'm doing fine and feeling as fit as a fiddle again, only waiting to get back home now."

Twenty-two years of age, Spr. Lynch is an old boy of Ellington School and has been serving overseas for some months. His brother-in-law, Mr. Dudman, is a member of the Home Guard.

Among the first airgraph letters was one from Gen. Wavell to Gen. Sir John Dill.

The new system enables much space to be saved, and thousands of films bearing photographs of letters can be carried by air, the weight and bulk of ordinary mail being dispensed with.

DRINK AND THE WAR

GOOD TEMPLARS' VIEW

Nearly every Good Templar lodge from Folkestone to Sheerness was represented at the quarterly session of the East Kent District held at Broadstairs on Saturday.

Mr. H. Jeffery, of Ashford, District Chief Templar, who presided, said he was happy to meet so many members in these days of uncertainty when, for all of them, life had to be ordered by abnormal conditions and the stress and strain was much greater than in normal days.

Dealing with the local lodges, he was pleased to report that the Sunbeam Lodge (Ramsgate) had again had a very successful quarter, the extra hour of daylight having certainly helped the attendance, while the average attendance of the Advance Lodge (Ramsgate) was also good, and at Broadstairs the members had resolutely "blue-pencilled" the word defeat.

Nationally, he said, Good Templary was facing a crisis, a state of affairs which called for every effort they could make, but he was sure that effort would not be wanting as far as East Kent was concerned.

After tendering greetings from many absent members, Mr. Jeffery, taking a wider view of the cause of Templary, declared that the powers that be seemed singularly blind to the waste and evil of drink. While appeals were made to economise in practically all else, no national appeal was made to the drinker to cut down his consumption. The housewife was bombarded with requests to be careful and frugal, indeed she had little opportunity to be otherwise, but it seemed to be thought that if the drinker were urged and restricted in the same manner he would revolt. He believed, however, that a reasoned national appeal to all consumers of intoxicating drink to exercise strict economy in the national interest would not fall on entirely deaf ears.

Difficulties Overcome.

Mrs. W. H. Jacobsen (Ramsgate), proposing the adoption of the report, said the District Chief Templar must feel proud to know so many Templars were carrying on, despite the many difficulties they had to overcome and to realise that many lodges, even during the black-out, had not missed holding their weekly meeting.

The motion, seconded by Mr. A. B. Impett (Broadstairs), was carried with acclamation.

Mrs. Howting (Sheerness), D.V.T., gave a detailed account of the substantial amount raised for the benefit of the Good Templar Orphanage at Sunbury-on-Thames.

Mr. W. H. Jacobsen (Ramsgate), D.Counsellor, reported on behalf of the Executive, and said those present would wish to express their sympathy with members who were mourning the loss of their loved ones.

A standing vote was taken as a token of respect to all those members who had been called to the "Great Beyond."

The reports of the secretary, Mr. Harley (Sellindge) and the treasurer, Mrs. J. Hunt (Ramsgate), proved to be satisfactory.

Appointments made were: D.Marshal, Mr. L. Parker (Margate); D.Chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett (Broadstairs); and D.Sentinel, Miss A. Coleman (Ramsgate).

Votes of thanks to the local hospitality committee concluded a successful session.

The summer session is to be held at Ramsgate in August.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. PRESTON

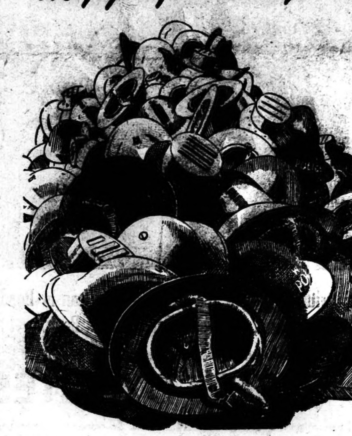
The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Monday of Mrs. Maria Preston, formerly of Queen's-road, who passed away last week at Ruislip, Middlesex.

Mrs. Preston, who was 84 years of age, was a Ramsgate woman and for a number of years carried on business with her husband as a baker and pastry-cook in High-street, retiring soon after the last war.

Mr. Preston died some years ago.

Mrs. Preston had been living with one of her two daughters at Ruislip.

We fight for the day...



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DEATH OF MR. E. M. WRENN

CRICKET LEAGUE'S LOSS

Ramsgate cricketers will learn with regret of the death at Reading of Mr. Ernest Montague Wrenn, of Penshurst-road, Ramsgate, who for some time was chairman of the local cricket league.

Mr. Wrenn, who was aged about 67 years, left Ramsgate soon after the outbreak of war to live with his daughter at Reading. For many years he was employed as a lead glazier by Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., at the Plains-of-Waterloo branch, retiring about two years ago on account of ill-health.

Keenly interested in sport all his life, Mr. Wrenn has also been chairman of Olby's Cricket Club, and he was also a member of the club selection committee.

His son, Mr. D. Wrenn, who was employed by a Broadstairs firm of printers, has recently been drafted overseas with an Army unit.

REPRESENTING BOTH SIDES

At the May sitting of Margate county court two claims for the return of goods or their value were heard.

In the first the National Cash Register Co., London, sought the return of a cash register or £31 from S. Godfrey, snack bar proprietor, of Royal York-mansions, Margate.

Mr. Malcolm Borg, who represented the defendant, said the previous day he received a letter from plaintiffs' solicitors asking him to act for them. Unfortunately he could not find any other solicitor to whom he could pass on the instructions.

His Honour Judge Clements: You had better do your best to represent both sides.

Mr. Borg explained that plaintiffs required an order for the return of the register, to be suspended so long as defendant paid 10s. a month. His client was agreeable to such an order. An order to this effect was made.

In the second case neither party attended. Murdoch, Murdoch and Co., general dealers, of London, sued Cecil Howard Forster, of Cross-road, Birchington, for a piano under a hire purchase agreement, or £43 8s. damages.

After reading a letter received from defendant, his Honour announced that he would make an order by consent for the return of the piano, suspended while £1 a month was paid.

STAMPS FOR DANCERS

Every dancer attending the War Weapons Week ball at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Tuesday next —7 to 11 p.m.—will receive a savings book and a 6d. stamp.

The music will be provided by Frederic Hargraves and his Knights of Swing.

Church Services

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Preacher next Sunday:
REV. STANLEY B. GREEN
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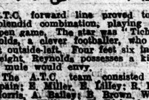
A.T.C. SCORE TWELVE GOALS

Boys of the Ramsgate Flight, No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron, Air Training Corps, gained an overwhelming victory when they defeated a Services football XI by 12 goals to two at Jackey Baker's on Sunday.

The A.T.C. team, trained by Mr. G. Cullen, P.T. Instructor to the Flight, played brilliantly. Their opponents, members of a Royal Artillery battery, were older and heavier and lacked the speed of the A.T.C.

The Army attacks were repeatedly broken by Miller and Lilley, while the



A.T.C. forward line proved to be a splendid combination, playing a good open game. The star was "Tich" Reynolds, a clever footballer, who played at outside-left. Four feet six inches in height, Reynolds possesses a kick that a mule would envy.

The A.T.C. team consisted of O. Spain; E. Miller, E. Lilley; R. Bushell, Morris, A. Bailey; B. Brown, W. Laurence, L. Williams, H. Richardson (captain), V. Reynolds. Mr. A. Bates, Flight Sports Instructor, was the referee.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to Ramsgate General Hospital during April included £8 7s. 11d. from the ratings of various auxiliary patrol vessels.

An anonymous donation of £5 was received; Mr. and Mrs. A. Sanders, of Minster, forwarded £1 10s. in memory of their daughter Violet May; and Lieut.-Col. G. A. McLaren Sceales, D.S.O., subscribed £1.

The collection box at the hospital contained 11s. 2d. and a collection at a united Free Church service held at Queen's-road Baptist Church, Broadstairs, amounted to £3 6s. 1d.

The Thanet hospitals contributory scheme produced £52 during the month and the sum of £26 7s. 2d. was received from the Kent Mineworkers' Association.

Gifts in kind included babies' clothing from Mrs. F. Merchant, of Toronto, and American papers from Mr. H. A. Caspell, of Saskatchewan.

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WAR WEAPONS WEEK

24th to 31st MAY, 1941

SAVING FOR WAR AND PEACE

At the moment every possible penny must be saved to finance the war effort and to hasten the coming of peace.

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After the War

RECONSTRUCTION AT MARGATE

Margate Council on Tuesday confirmed the setting up of a special committee to consider proposals for the post-war restoration and development of the borough.

The members appointed were the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), Aldermen G. B. Farrar, E. S. Linington, F. L. Pettman, W. C. Redman and Councillors E. G. Barrows, F. J. Cornford, E. Dixon, Mrs. Giles, A. C. Hatfield and A. W. Thomson.

Explaining that the fundamental principle behind the step was that they should not wait until the conclusion of the war before giving some consideration to what they hoped to accomplish, the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, said "None of us, of course, can say what Margate will be like at the end of the war but we know sufficient of the conditions today to realise that we undoubtedly have a big task ahead of us. The task may become even greater. But so long as the name of Margate remains on the map—and I hope Hitler will never be able to remove it—Margate will undoubtedly remain one of the foremost holiday resorts of the country.

Altered Outlook.

"I think it is up to us as an authority to anticipate what our programme is going to be, and to use to the fullest advantage the facilities which exist and which have served us well in pre-war days. We want to explore the possibilities which will probably present difficulties after this war. The customs of the people will, perhaps, have changed in the years which have elapsed, and the financial and social conditions, and many other problems in the country, will probably alter the whole outlook.

"It is our duty as an authority to anticipate something of that nature so that when the time comes we shall have made some preparedness. From the question of reconstruction, we can at least be prepared to offer something to those people who will be longing to visit places like Margate.

"The question of the financial aspect is too stupid for me to attempt to enlarge upon at this juncture. Finance, of course, is a big problem, but I am confident that places like Margate are just as important to the community as many of the business centres which have been destroyed through trouble from the air. I think it is essential that we should possess a most up-to-date holiday resort, well managed from a civic point of view, and that we should set a standard which will harmonise with great housing improvements which have been carried out throughout the land. The great English public have been educated to a standard of housing and style of living, and they expect to find these conditions in our holiday resorts. Therefore we should see to it that we have some control and be able to say that whenever accommodation is offered to the holiday public it should be a credit to the borough."

A More Desirable Resort.

"All those details will mean a tremendous amount of work for the committee. We don't want to approach the subject from the point of view of any particular area, whether it be Westgate, Birchington, Margate, the Dane Valley, Cliftonville or Westbrook. It is a question concerning the whole of the area, and while we as members of the Council represent particular areas, we also represent the whole borough, and our interests are in the whole borough. I hope the committee will meet at an early date but no one particular meeting will ever evolve a plan for such great reconstruction as we visualise.

"When I make use of the term 'reconstruction' it is not in the minds of the Council to raze Margate to the ground and rebuild it, unless, of course, circumstances over which we have no control compel that action. We shall develop our resources to make Margate a more desirable holiday resort and a place to which we, as the governing authority, can at least be proud to invite people to spend their holidays."

Notice of war damage to land and buildings in Kent should now be addressed to the South-Eastern Regional Office of the War Damage Commission, Old Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

"The health of the general population after 12 months of war is remarkably good."—The Minister of Health.

REALLY WONDERFUL

PROSPECT AT BROADSTAIRS

"I am convinced that during the week the result of our efforts is going to be really wonderful," Councillor D. J. Pearson, chairman of the Council, told Broadstairs War Weapons Week Committee on Tuesday.

To be held simultaneously with War Weapons Weeks at Ramsgate and Margate, beginning on Saturday next, Broadstairs' aim is £30,000.

When it was first decided to hold a week at Broadstairs, Councillor Pearson, who is chairman of the War Weapons Week Committee, was told by several people in the town that for once he would be associating himself with a venture which would not prove a success.

This is what Councillor Pearson told his energetic committee on Tuesday:

"At the last meeting I referred to the support we were receiving. The only observation I am now going to make is that since then the support we are receiving is even more generous and I am absolutely confident we are going a long way past our objective.

"With the co-operation of this committee everyone is working very well indeed. I am confident that during the week the result of our efforts is going to be really wonderful. We may be an area in a difficult position but I am sure this is going to produce the right spirit so far as Broadstairs is concerned."

Mr. F. J. Portch, Assistant Commissioner, National Savings Movement, congratulated the committee on the thorough businesslike way in which they had made their arrangements.

"It sounds very fine," added Mr. Portch. "I think you will have a really good week."

Events of the Week.

The committee heard from the honorary secretary, Mr. F. H. Ward, something of the arrangements being made.

The week is to be opened on Saturday next by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, and the same evening an open-air services boxing tournament is to be held in Pierremont Pleasure Grounds.

It has not been found possible to organise a drumhead service but the drums of a famous regiment are to Beat the Retreat in the Pleasure Grounds on the evening of 27th May.

A dance is to be held at the Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, on 30th May, and throughout the week a war trophies exhibition is to be held at the Gymnasium, Pierremont Hall. Admission to the exhibition will be by programme, price 6d., now on sale.

The town is already gay with posters exhorting the public to support the week.

Selling centres at which National Savings Certificates and Savings Stamps can be purchased will be opened at the W.V.S. Centre, the exhibition, Lane's Library, and Vye's, Fish-street.

A progress indicator, showing how the money is coming in, is to be erected in Pierremont Pleasure Grounds and will be opened by Councillor Pearson following the opening ceremony. It will then be placed on the railings of Pierremont Hall, facing High-street.

The organisation of Broadstairs War Weapons Week has proved that although the town has lost the greater part of its population it has not lost its initiative.

TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTER

District Officer F. Edmed, who has resigned owing to ill-health after 35 years' service with the Westgate Fire Brigade, is to be presented with an engraved testimonial recording the appreciation of Margate Council, on behalf of the burgesses, for his long and valuable service.

Honorary membership of the brigade is also to be conferred upon him.

At a meeting of the Council on Tuesday, Alderman F. L. Pettman (chairman of the Watch Committee) said Mr. Edmed had rendered most useful and valuable service. A testimonial was not much to give a man after 35 years' service but times were not normal.

Councillor F. J. Cornford said the number of hours Mr. Edmed had worked as a volunteer were enormous. Everyone in Westgate would be glad to know the Council had paid tribute to a man who had given so much of his time for the benefit of the town.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

It is not only from the enemy's bombs that the south-east should be protected. An official statement issued on Saturday in reference to the raid of the previous night innocuously stated that the raiders passed over the Isle of Thanet, and added "Some windows were broken, otherwise there were no casualties and no other damage." It was left to the London papers on Monday to drop the figurative bomb, for they gave the German version of the raid without the slightest hint that the Hun report was entirely wrong. Only those who live in the neighbourhood know that the report was untrue in general and detail. The report stated that "extensive fires were observed at numerous points." If the fables from Germany are circulated they should surely be accompanied by a statement that no reliance should be placed on the reports. An official intimation to this effect would be welcomed by the townspeople. Where is the Press Bureau?

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Second-Lieut. W. G. Martin, The Buffs, of Ramsgate, was slightly wounded in action, but remained on duty, according to a letter received by his relatives. Lieut. Martin, who served in the South African campaign, was promoted on the field in this war.

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News was received that Pte. R. Thorn, The Buffs, of Camden-square, Ramsgate, had been wounded in recent fighting on the western front. Employed at the Victoria Pavilion before the war, Pte. Thorn had also served during the South African campaign.

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Pte. F. A. Quinney, Royal Irish Lancers, writing to his aunt, Mrs. G. Coleman, of King-street, Ramsgate, told of the scenes in Dublin during the Irish rebellion. His regiment was stationed in the city, and he wrote: "It was one of the finest places in Great Britain but now some of the streets are a heap of smouldering ruins."

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From the war zones came news of Ramsgate men captured by the enemy. The Thanet Advertiser published letters from Sergt. F. J. Taylor, L/Corpl. B. Bolsey, Pte. H. E. Allen and Sergt. A. Grigg, all of whom were in German prison camps.

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Congratulations will be extended to Capt. G. B. F. Wiles, of The Buffs, upon his promotion from the rank of lieutenant. Serving with the Ramsgate Company of the 4th Buffs before the war, Capt. Wiles took part in some fierce desert fighting in the eastern theatre of war in 1916.

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Pte. B. G. West, The Buffs, of St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, died while on service in India. Pte. West had been employed by Saunders, being wounded in October, 1915.

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Serving with the Royal West Surrey Regiment, L/Corpl. G. Walker, of Ravenscar-terrace, Broadstairs, was killed during a German gas attack in France.

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Drr. H. Loslett, a Broadstairs man serving with the R.F.A., wrote from the front to thank the ladies of Broadstairs who sent him parcels.

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A club for servicemen was opened at Broadstairs Assembly Rooms on Monday. Mr. H. Poole is the hon. secretary.

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Lord Northcliffe, who this week made his maiden speech in the House of Lords, spent the week-end at his Broadstairs residence at Elmwood.

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Sergt. J. H. Winton, eldest son of Mr. J. T. Winton, of Ramsgate, has been granted a commission with the Northumberland Fusiliers. After being on the Continent for a year, Sergt. Winton became attached to a Cadet School in France.

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Lieut. S. H. Hildyard, R.F.A., who was at one time with the Ramsgate Section, Kent Brigade, R.F.A., has been home for a few days after being at the front for the past six months.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

WHITSUNTIDE ATTRACTIONS

Whitsuntide, that brightest and best of the summer holidays, is again at hand. Vegetation of all kinds has within the last few days made the most amazing progress and everything will present the most attractive and gayest appearance in time for the shoal of visitors we have the right to expect for the next week or so. Entertainments of all kinds are as plentiful as ever they were. At Sanger's Amphitheatre, Ramsgate, a good piece will be put on the stage and the Marina has been re-opened with various attractions. Going further afield, little parties may drive to Rumfields, that rural retreat of healthy sport and wholesome frivolity, which has so lately been opened at St. Peter's.

BROADSTAIRS INVASION

A rumour has been floating about to the effect that Broadstairs, particularly the houses in the vicinity of the pier, had been invaded by an army of rats, the number of which was actually beyond enumeration. The rodents invaded the most sacred places, and in one good old public-house actually tapped the gin. People naturally got very wrath with the four-legged invaders and promptly laid vermin poison to arrest their progress. The poison has had a more disastrous effect than at first imagined. Many valuable dogs paid the last dread penalty by taking medicinal doses intended for rats and cats or more Tom-cats have for ever ceased to make music on Broadstairs roofs.

BEATING THE BOUNDS

A sum not to exceed £5 has been voted by the vestry of St. Lawrence Church for "beating the bounds of the parish." It appears that in 1876 the whole of the boundary stones were found in their places, but in 1898 it was discovered that 17 of the stones had been either removed or covered. Steps are therefore to be taken to have them replaced or uncovered.

A YEAR AGO

Following a broadcast appeal by Mr. Anthony Eden, men in all parts of Thanet volunteered for duties with the Home Guard—then known as Local Defence Volunteers. Approximately 700 men enrolled at Ramsgate and Margate police stations, 200 at Broadstairs and 60 at Minster. Men, young and old, were eager to enrol and many were over the age limit of 65.

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Soon after the invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg by Germany, inhabitants of Kent coast towns were awakened by the sound of gunfire. It was reported that bombs had been dropped on England for the first time. They fell at Penny Pot, near Chilham. The Ministry of Home Security instructed civil defence services to be on the alert, and warned householders to carry gas masks, and to be in readiness for air attack. Shortly afterwards it was announced that in view of the national crisis the Whitsun holiday had been cancelled.

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British refugees from Holland arrived at a south-east port. During the voyage from the Continent they were attacked from the air and the ship was mined. Returning to Holland, they were transferred to another vessel and reached England in safety.

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Because there was no work for them to do the three Conträband Control bases at the Downs, Kirkwall and Weymouth were to close, it was announced.

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While the war was flaring up on the Continent, Billy Morrin and his Commanders began their 1940 season at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate.

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Lieut.-Col. A. F. Q. Perkins, M.C., R.E., of Fordwich and Kingsgate, was reported killed while on active service with the B.E.F. in France.

WOMEN WASTE THEIR TIME

Dismissing a case in which Mrs. Honor Martha Rawson, of The Ridgeway, summoned Mrs. Rose Gandor, of St. Paul's-road, for assault, the Mayor, Alderman G. F. Roare, remarked at Margate police court on Wednesday, "It is very unfortunate that in these days you should find time to quarrel like this. There is serious work to be done in the town and it is your duty to be at service instead of wasting your time like this."

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BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL (For Mental and Nervous Disorders), Monk's Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent.—Housemaids required (single) at a commencing salary of 14/9 per week; no deduction for board, lodging and laundry; ration allowance paid during period of annual leave.—Apply the Matron.

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FOR SALE

CURRY'S Spring Bargains.—Ladies' Cycles from £6 11s.; Gent's Cycles from £8 8s. 9d.; Evercady Portable, £10 10s.; Battery Radios from £3 19s. 6d.; Mains Radios from £4 19s. 6d.; Camp Beds, 27/9; Vacuum Cleaners, £4 12s. 6d.; H.T. Batteries, 9/3, 120 volts; Baby Folders, £2 7s. 6d. We have good stocks of the following lines—Tricycles, Toys, Flints, Batteries, Torches, Skates, Dart Boards, Accumulators charged, 4d. each. Prompt attention to all cycle repairs.—Curry's Ltd., 29 High-street, Ramsgate.

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BLUE Budgerigar at Dumpton; 5/- reward.—Return to 20 Warlen-road, Ramsgate. 16

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FARMHOUSE, furnished; 3 bedrooms, dining-room, sitting-room, kitchen; large garden; 30/- week; reception area. Apply, Holmes, Potteries Farm, High Halden, Kent. 16

MISCELLANEOUS

LOCK-UP Shop or large Room wanted for Bible classes.—Write, Box 630, "Advertiser" Office, Ramsgate. 21

ST. GEORGE'S GIRLS

RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES

Amidst sundry savoury odours from the canteen, which is used as the assembly hall, Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, minister of Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, and a member of the local Education Committee, presented at Riverway School, Staffordshire, last week, certificates won by the girls of St. George's School in the London Chamber of Commerce Examination.

The examination was to have been held last July but was postponed owing to the difficult circumstances which followed the evacuation of the children from Ramsgate to Staffordshire.

How quickly the girls of St. George's settled down can be judged by the fact that in the examination 75 per cent. of the entrants were successful.

This is an exceedingly fine result and reflects the greatest credit on the headmistress, Miss Armstrong, and her staff.

St. George's boys and girls are the only two schools under Ramsgate Education Committee which have been presented as separate entities, the others having been more or less absorbed into the local schools.

On Sunday Councillor Harcourt Samuel conducted the Sunday School anniversary services at Stafford Baptist Church.

ANY OBJECTIONS?

In connection with the Order made by Broadstairs and St. Peter's Council for the closing of shops at 7 p.m. (8 p.m. Saturday) notice is given by the Council that any objections must be addressed in writing to the Secretary of State, Home Department, London, before 21st June.

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OFFICE AND WORKS:

HONEYSUCKLE ROAD : RAMSGATE

MR. W. F. HISCOCK

FUNERAL OF FORMER HEADMASTER

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. William Frederick Hiscock, of Porta Maris, Gresham-avenue, Margate, who died at Twickenham the previous Sunday, aged 69 years.

Coming to Margate in 1899 as headmaster of Salmestone School, Mr. Hiscock was appointed headmaster of Margate Central School, the first central school opened in Kent, in 1919.

Although the school was in the nature of an experiment, under Mr. Hiscock's direction it met with great success and he was highly esteemed by the 1,300 boys who passed through during the 12 years of his headship.

A few weeks after he retired in 1931 Mr. Hiscock stood for the Council and was defeated, but a fortnight later was elected unopposed to represent the Ethelbert Ward. Serving for a time as chairman of the Parks Committee, he retired early last year. He had previously served for a number of years as a co-opted member of the Education Committee.

At one time prominent in local cricket circles, being a reliable bat and a useful bowler, Mr. Hiscock was also keenly interested in Freemasonry. A founder of the Porta Maris Lodge, No. 4287, he had also occupied the chair of the Union Lodge, No. 127, and receiving provincial honours for Kent as P.A.G.D.C. in 1925, was promoted to P.S.G.D. in 1931.

Mr. Hiscock leaves a widow and one son.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp, Vicar of Birchington.

Those present included the Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. W. Thomson, members of the Council and a number of Freemasons.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. P. Hoare), the Town Council, Union Lodge of Freemasons, and Margate Old Centrals' Association.

ACTION FILMS

DRAMA AT THE KING'S

Dramatic interest is the keynote of films being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Set against the background of the vast snow-capped wastes of Alaska, "Girl from God's Country" heads the bill for the first four days of the week. Chester Morris portrays a surgeon, a fugitive from justice, who labours among the natives of the Great North West. Jane Wyatt is cast as a nurse, number six in a quick succession of assistants, who, finding the rigours of the Alaskan frontier too arduous, are compelled to return home. Charles Bickford's role in this gripping romantic triangle is that of a detective sent in search of the runaway doctor.

Seventh and best in the Higgins Family series, "Jolly Old Higgins," featuring James, Lucile and Russell Gleason, is also being presented.

Death strikes three times on board a luxury liner in "Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise," chief feature for the second half of the week. Charlie Chan, who is again portrayed by Sidney Toler, is at his best when he matches his wits with a dangerous criminal, whose one mistake is that he under-rates Chan's ability. It is this error that finally leads to his capture. The famous detective also finds time to patch up a lover's quarrel between Robert Lowery and Majorie Weaver.

There is also excitement in plenty in "On Guard," a tale of the Wild West, featuring Charles Starrett and Iris Meredith.

COAL DUE PAYMENT

MARGATE COUNCILLOR PROTESTS

Councillor C. W. W. Hansen protested at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday when it was reported that the Finance Committee had agreed to pay without prejudice a claim by Margate Pier and Harbour Company, under the Margate Coal Dues Act, 1899, for £1,953 8s. 9d. for the year ended 5th April, 1941.

Councillor Hansen said it meant that the ratepayers had to pay a 3d. rate in order to protect a commercial concern against certain losses. It was all very well for investors to have a return for their money, but he maintained that it was absolutely and utterly wrong that one commercial concern should be paid over all others. It might just as well be claimed that the traders in High-street should have an Act of Parliament to protect them against loss below a certain figure.

"I cannot protest against the payment, because we have got to do it" added Councillor Hansen, "but I protest against the condition which makes us pay it."

After Alderman F. L. Pettman had explained that the owners of the company were taking nothing out of the concern, Alderman A. G. Hine pointed out that the Council had a resolution on the minutes to deal with the question of the repeal of the Act when normal times returned.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare): That is in our minds undoubtedly at some time. I hope Councillor Hansen will accept that.

MUSIC AND THRILLS

STARS AT THE ODEON

Music, mirth and thrills are to be found in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Streamlined song hits and ancient ditties that evoke hilarious laughter, comedy, romance of youth and heart-throbs are all combined in "Strike Up The Band," which is being screened for the first four days. Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, high school pals, organise a modern swing band in the school. Paul Whiteman announces a radio contest for swing bands. They proceed to raise money to make the trip to Chicago to compete and stage a comical travesty on old-time stage melodrama with such song gems as "The Curse of an Aching Heart," and "Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl."

Two feature films will be screened for the second half of the week. "Dr. Kildare Goes Home," with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore and Laraine Day, tells of modern doctors waging bitter war against old wells and pools which breed and spread disease. Barrymore and the rest conduct a fight which a country town they seek to benefit resists stoutly.

Spectacular thrills in the air, tense drama behind the steel doors of an aircraft factory seeking a Government contract, stirring romance and an exciting race to complete a high-speed pursuit plane are blended in the second feature, "Men Against the Sky." The leading players are Richard Dix, Kent Taylor, Edmund Lowe and Wendy Barrie.

SPORTS SUCCESSES

CHATHAM HOUSE BOYS DO WELL

Chatham House junior boys achieved considerable success in the annual sports at Alleyne's Grammar School, Uttoxeter.

G. Hall was awarded a special medal in recognition of the fact that he won most of the junior events.

Hall won the 100 yards under 14, 440 yards junior, half-mile junior, junior distance and junior long jump.

Wright finished second to Hall in the 100 yards, 440 yards and half-mile, and Adams was second in the junior high and long jumps.

Mother Sentenced

RECEIVED STOLEN GOODS

Mother of five children, Mrs. Beatrice Alice West, aged 37, of Trinity-square, Margate, was sentenced at the borough court on Wednesday to two months' imprisonment on two charges of receiving articles stolen by soldiers. Two similar offences were taken into consideration and a charge of looting from a bombed shop was withdrawn after defendant had admitted receiving articles stolen from the shop.

Accused admitted receiving two cruets, two brass candlesticks, two brass trays, two biscuit barrels and other articles belonging to Miss Kate Constance Terrell, whose lock-up shop at Fort-road, which she closed in July, was recently found in great disorder.

Mrs. West also admitted receiving from a shop damaged by enemy action eight swimming costumes, 159 hair-nets, four brush and mirror sets, a clock, two vases, pair of opera glasses and 57 postcards, together value £8 2s. 3½d., the property of Mrs. Jenny Black, who evacuated from the town last May.

Taking the Can Back.

When visited by D/S Presland and D/Cs Tinson and Galer, who had a search warrant, Mrs. West said they need not use it but could look where they liked. When the brass ornaments were found in a basement room, defendant said a soldier gave them to her at Christmas. She said she did not know the soldier's name and if she did would not divulge it. When other stolen articles were found defendant said "Soldiers brought them in but I suppose I shall have to take the can back."

Regarding the articles in the second charge, accused said to the police officers "I don't know where they came from. A soldier brought them in for me to have a look at."

Mrs. West told the magistrates she was sorry to have been such a fool as to take in the articles. She did not give the men anything for them and, apart from the brassware, which was given her, expected them to return for the other goods.

Accused asked the bench to take into consideration two other cases of receiving—a tool chest, the property of Jane Chatt, of Trinity-square, and a quantity of linen, the property of Leon Gygax, of Fort Lodge Hotel.

The Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, said accused had lived in Margate about 20 years and had five children, four of them, between the ages of seven and 16, living with her. Her husband was away on war work and sent her 30s. a week, out of which she paid 5s. a week rent. As far as the police knew she had no other source of income. Soldiers had been seen visiting the house from time to time.

The Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, announcing that defendant would be sent to prison for one month on each of the two charges, the sentences to run consecutively, said they were treating the cases just as seriously as if she were charged with having stolen the property.

More than 14,000,000 square feet of additional storage space is now required by Government departments for munitions, equipment, food, valuable raw materials and other essential goods.

LT.-CMDR. FLETCHER

TO OPEN RAMSGATE WAR WEAPONS WEEK

Lieut.-Cmdr. R. T. Fletcher, M.P., Parliamentary Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, is to open Ramsgate War Weapons Week on Saturday.

The opening ceremony will take place at the Odeon Cinema at 11 o'clock in the morning and at three o'clock in the afternoon Flt.-Lieut. MacDonald, M.P. for the Isle of Wight, will open the war trophies exhibition at Littlewood's.

A service to be addressed by the Bishop of Dover (the Rt. Rev. A. C. W. Rose) will be held at St. George's Church on Sunday afternoon. Music will be provided by military bands. The service, to be preceded by a procession, will be held in the main body of the church and not in the crypt.

Throughout the week special "shorts" entitled "Hit Back" will be shown at the cinemas, and a few minutes' talk each evening will be given by a speaker from one of the services.

A full programme of events will be published in the ADVERTISER & ECHO on Friday.

Lieut.-Cmdr. Fletcher will also open Margate War Weapons Week, and Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., Under-Secretary for Air, will open the week at Broadstairs.

MAXIMUM SAVINGS

"Man for man our Fighting Forces have proved themselves superior to our enemies. Place them on an equality in the matter of weapons and their triumph is certain. But there is not a moment to lose.

"The savings movement is playing a very important part in helping the country to reach this goal. But it must play an even greater part. Maximum saving and maximum war production go hand in hand."—Lord Kindersley, President of the National Savings Committee.

WAR WEAPONS FOOTBALL

A War Weapons week football match between a Services team and a team representing Ramsgate is to be played at St. Luke's Athletic Club Ground, Hereson-road, on Sunday.

Ramsgate will be represented by R. Sinclair, T. Titherington, F. Crust, H. Twyman, A. Cork, J. Saunders, F. Shorter, L. Castle, V. Holmes, R. Fenton and J. Mayer, with Bourn and Tilbrook as reserves.

The kick-off is at 4 p.m. and admission will be by a sixpenny savings stamp, obtainable at the ground.

SAVINGS BONDS SCHEME

For those who want to do their bit in swelling the War Weapons Week total but have not a large amount of ready cash which they can invest in Government securities, the combined investment and endowment scheme for purchasing Savings Bonds over 20 years, which is sponsored by the Norwich Union Insurance Societies, should have a strong appeal. Payments under the scheme attract income tax rebate and cease in the event of death.

The Norwich Union's Office at 10, Middle Row, Maidstone, will supply full particulars on request.

Magnificent Achievement

ARCHBISHOP'S PRAISE

A large congregation—unusually large in these days of evacuation—assembled at St. Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, on Tuesday to welcome the Most Rev. P. B. Amigo, Archbishop-Bishop of Southwark, on the occasion of his canonical visitation of the parish.

Catholics from the neighbouring parishes of St. Ethelbert's, Hereson, and St. Benedict's, Newington, were also present.

The Archbishop was met at the church door by the parish priest, the Rev. Father Norbert Lapworth, O.S.B., and by the Rt. Rev. Abbot Taylor and community of St. Augustine's Abbey.

His Grace, who expressed great pleasure at finding that so many Catholics of the town had put themselves out in order to meet him that evening, praised them for having remained bravely at their posts, in spite of the many dangers to which the district was subject.

He praised them, too, for the splendid way they had worked in order to find money for their schools, having reduced the original debt of £12,000 to the present figure of only £160. "This is a magnificent achievement," said his Grace, "and I am proud of you."

The Archbishop spoke in sad tones of the destruction by enemy action of his beautiful cathedral, which had been completely destroyed during a recent air raid. He referred also to the many churches which have suffered a similar fate in various parts of his diocese.

At the conclusion of the Archbishop's address, a ceremonial visit was made to the churchyard, where the customary prayers for the dead were said, and, on returning to the church, his Grace administered the sacrament of confirmation, which was followed by the singing of "Faith of our Fathers" and Benediction.

THANET A.T.C. SQUADRON

Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs have now amalgamated to form the No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron of the Air Training Corps.

Mr. A. E. Crispe, motor engineer, of Margate, who was in the Air Force in the last war, has been asked to serve as commanding officer of the new squadron.

The joint committee consists of the following. Ramsgate — the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Mr. A. Horsey, Councillors the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth and F. C. Miller; Margate —the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), Mr. A. E. Crispe, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Alderman W. C. Redman; Broadstairs—Councillor B. J. Pearson.

Mr. E. Guy is hon. secretary and Mr. Horsey treasurer.

The present headquarters and education centres at Ramsgate and Margate are being continued.

DEATH OF MR. E. S. SUTTON

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Tuesday of Mr. Edward Samuel Sutton, whose death at the age of 76 occurred at his home, No. 23 West Cliff-road.

Well-known in Ramsgate, Mr. Sutton had been employed as a carter by a number of firms in the town, including Messrs. E. R. Dunn, R. G. Dunn and Sons and J. Perry and Co.

Mr. Sutton's home in Rodney-street was badly damaged by bombs during the last war.

Mr. Sutton leaves a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton, age 74, two daughters and three sons.

SIGNALMAN JOHN PIERCE

BANK CLERK REPORTED MISSING

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pierce, of Cuthbert-road, Westgate-on-Sea, Sglmn. John Pierce has been posted as missing since 8th April.

Twenty-one years of age, Sglmn. Pierce was serving in the Royal Corps of Signals.

Educated at Alexandra House School, Broadstairs, Sglmn. Pierce entered the banking service. He was called up during the early days of the war and was posted abroad in November last year.

Sglmn. Pierce was a member of Westgate Cricket Club and Birchington Rugby Club.

DIED FROM WOUNDS

RAMSGATE CASUALTY IN MIDDLE EAST

The death on active service has been reported of Pte. Sidney Robert Parker, aged 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parker, of No. 68 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate.

Pte. Parker was serving in the Middle East with the Royal Tank Regiment and he is stated to have died in hospital from wounds received while in action.

An old boy of Lillian-road School, Pte. Parker was employed by Messrs. Danton, of Chatham-street, before joining the Army prior to the outbreak of war.

COUNCILLOR'S TRAGIC DEATH

Sympathetic reference was made at the meeting of Margate Council on Tuesday to the death by enemy action of Councillor G. B. Vanner.

Recalling that Councillor Vanner joined H.M. Forces at a time of life when most of them felt that that kind of service could very well be left to younger men, the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, said it was all the more tragic that he should suffer such a fate after being invalided out of the Army.

"I need hardly make reference to the service he rendered on this Council," added the Mayor. "We welcomed him back because in his absence there seemed to be a strange gap in the debates of the Council. We may not always have been in entire sympathy with his views, but I believe he was imbued with sincerity in the arguments he put forward. We all mourn most sincerely his loss."

ALMOST A BLANK CHEQUE

"This is almost a blank cheque," declared Councillor S. W. Pearce at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday, referring to the precept of the Thanet Joint Hospital Board. "Many of the members do not know the amount involved."

In reply to questions Alderman E. S. Linington explained that although the Board had not the use of the hospital it did not mean they were receiving rent for it at once. They could not discharge all their staff. The services of the Clerk were still necessary, and the grounds, which had not been taken over, required attention to prevent them becoming derelict. The Council were represented on the Board, and he thought they would find that the Board were looking after the town's interests.

DEATH OF CANON W. G. BOYD

Vicar of Minster from 1919 to 1935, Canon William Grenville Boyd died at Swinbrook, Oxford, of which he was Vicar, on Wednesday.

Domestic chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1905 to 1910, Canon Boyd afterwards went to Canada, where he was appointed Rural Dean of Edmonton, and became Vicar of Minster on his return to England. At one time chairman of the Parish Council, he was very popular in the village but ill-health compelled him to break the many happy associations he had formed during his 16 years' service there. For a time he was also Rural Dean of Thanet.

Canon Boyd is survived by his widow, three sons, who are serving in the Forces, and a daughter.

The funeral took place at Swinbrook on Sunday afternoon, when a memorial service was also conducted at Minster Parish Church by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. MacMichael.

DIVORCE FOR RAMSGATE OFFICER

In the Divorce Court last week, Lieut. Ernest Lindsay Dye, of Ramsgate, an officer on service in a coastal defence unit, was granted a decree nisi on the ground of the adultery of his wife Irene with Major Henry Montague Davies.

The suit was undefended and costs were given against Major Davies.

The parties were married at St. John's Church, Margate, in 1929, and their last home together was at Broadstairs.

Petitioner joined the Army just before war broke out and according to his case visited his wife in the Bournemouth district, where she had gone to live. They got to know Major Davies there and in November last Lieut. Dye discovered that his wife had committed adultery with the major.

DISCHARGE FROM BANKRUPTCY

At one time a farmer, dairyman and greengrocer, and now a member of a first-aid party at Ramsgate, Reginald Montefiore Impett, who carried on business at Grange-road, Ramsgate, applied at Canterbury on Tuesday for his discharge from bankruptcy.

The receiving order was made in October, 1928, when assets estimated to produce £695 actually realised £1,402 and a first and final dividend of 10s. 11d. in the £ had been paid.

It was stated that debtor took over his father's business and borrowed from relatives as he had no working capital. The relatives were scheduled as creditors and received a substantial dividend.

Debtor, now 57 years of age, said he was earning £3 10s. a week less insurance. He wanted his discharge because the matter had been hanging about quite long enough and he did not like the stigma. He had no intention of entering into a speculative venture of the kind again.

Judge Clements: You borrowed money and entered into this without sufficient capital and the usual result followed.

Discharge was granted subject to a nominal suspension of seven days.

BIRCHINGTON VICTIM OF BOMB

Only son of Mr. A. W. Sladden, of 3 James-terrace, Birchington, Mr. William Alfred Sladden, aged 53 years, was killed during a recent enemy raid on London while acting as a voluntary A.R.P. warden.

A married man, his home was damaged during the same raid.

An old boy of Birchington Church School, Mr. Sladden entered the railway service as a clerk at the age of 19 and four years later was transferred to London, where he had since remained.

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BROADSTAIRS BRIDE

HAYES—ELTHAM

Younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. H. Eltham, of Walmsley-road, Broadstairs, Miss Dora Jessie Eltham was married at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs, last week to Mr. Daniel Joseph Hayes, of Kilkane, Co. Limerick, Eire.

The Rev. Father Wilfrid Emery officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, wore an ankle-length gown of pale satin with veil and headdress to match and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses.

Miss Gladys Eltham, who attended her sister, wore a dress of blue silk romaine with Juliet headdress and carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations.

Mr. John Jones acted as best man.

For the honeymoon at Hastings the bride travelled in a grey costume with tweed coat to match, grey turban hat and navy blue accessories.

TRIBUTE TO THANET AIR

A member of Birchington Parish Council from 1922 to 1928, Mr. Ernest Remnant was died in London, aged about 70 years.

Coming to Birchington as an invalid in 1915, his health improved so greatly that he as a tribute to Birchington air he opened the Beresford Hotel as a convalescent home for officers during the last war.

He had been a director of the firm owning the hotel for over 25 years and had resided at his home at Shakespeare-road, Birchington, as recently as three years ago.

MARGATE FIRE-WATCHERS

Of 2,670 men between the ages of 18 and 60 who registered for fire-watching at Margate, Westgate and Birchington, about 1,000 are exempt as they are engaged on work of civil defence.

Approximately 650 are already doing fire-watching duty at business premises, 200 are members of supplementary fire parties, and 200 claimed exemption, leaving about 200 available for compulsory service when called upon.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Will.—The late Mr. Charles Thomas Chapman, of Clyde Villa, Southwood-road, Ramsgate, and Northcote-road, Clapham Junction, whose death occurred recently, left £20,494. Mr. Chapman carried on business as a pawnbroker and jeweller.

Catering Officer.—Mr. Mark Miller, of Ramsgate, who for a number of years was associated with the catering side at Morris England, has been appointed catering officer to Leeds Corporation. Mr. Miller is to organise communal feeding centres throughout the city.

License Extensions.—An extension of the permitted hours at the British Legion Club until 11 p.m. on 31st May for a concert in aid of War Weapons Week was granted by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday. Extension until 10.30 p.m. for a concert and dance to be held in aid of the fund at the Social Club on 24th and 31st May were also granted.

Paying Up.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for two months the case in which Harold Thomas Maw, of Frindsbury, Rochester, was summoned for arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife Mrs. Maud Alice Maw. The Court Collector (Mr. E. A. Knight) said defendant was paying regularly the amount of the order and had paid £2 off the arrears since 24th March. Arrears now amounted to £3 13s. 6d.

MARGATE

Egg Warning.—Margate Food Control Committee have warned a retailer who charged 2s. 3d. per dozen for unstamped eggs, instead of 2s. 6d. The wholesaler who supplied them has also been warned for charging 2s. 3d. instead of 2s. 3d.

Boy on Probation.—Accused of breaking into a shop in Northdown-road and stealing £3 1s. 6d., a 14-year-old Margate boy who appeared at the borough juvenile court on Wednesday was placed on probation for two years with a condition of residence.

Not Immobilised.—For failing to immobilise their cars, Frederick James Burbridge, of Love-lane, Margate, and Arthur Lee, an Army officer, were each fined £1 each at Margate police court on Wednesday. Horace Hancock, of Shottendane-road, was similarly fined in respect of a loaded lorry.

Cost of Forgetfulness.—Forgetting to turn off lights at premises before leaving, Frank W. Duncan, of Burlington-gardens, Margate, and Cyril Alfred Coles, of Alpha-road, Birchington, were each fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday. Duncan was fined £1 for an electricity sub-station in Bilton-square and Coles omitted to turn off the main switch at a house in Eversley-road after taking an inventory of the furniture.

BROADSTAIRS

Absent Friends.—At the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge (No. 5,000) held at the Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, many messages were received from absent friends, including those of A. Kerr (Lanarkshire), Mr. A. T. Scott (Folkestone), Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Young (Ash), Mrs. C. Britton and Mr. M. Faulkner (Dover). The intercession service was conducted by Miss B. Whiteley, lodge chaplain.

Octogenarian's Funeral.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard on Tuesday, following a service conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, by the Rector, the Rev. H. Hayes, of Mrs. Mr. Elizabeth Hollands, of 58 Albion-street, Broadstairs, who died suddenly, aged 84 years. Mrs. Hollands was a regular attendant at the old people's and other entertainment.

BIRCHINGTON

Caught Instead.—Having lost 45 chickens from a field in the last eight weeks, George Thomas Chittenden, of 1 Park-avenue, Birchington, was on his way to keep watch for thieves when he was stopped by P/C Munns for cycling without a light. Fined 10s. at Margate police court on Wednesday, Chittenden said he thought it was very unfair.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

PREPARING FOR NEXT WINTER

Last year, as farmers know well, it was not easy to carry stock through the winter. This winter it will be worse. Supplies of imported feeding stuffs will be much smaller. It will be a difficult and anxious time, especially for those who have no land to fall back supporting.

Yet there is still time to increase self-sufficiency by sowing more forage crops. We can turn the late season to account by sowing such crops as kale, more root crops and lucerne. We can make silage and improve the stock-carrying power of themselves. Every extra acre of crops that can be produced this year is a contribution to the Battle of the Atlantic and insurance for farm stock for the coming winter.

Kale is a particularly useful crop. It needs less labour than roots, it often gives a better yield, and it is a better balanced food for milk production. Marrow stem kale may be sown as late as June. Thousand to a lake is the rule. It does well on old turf ploughed up.

Lucerne is another crop of which we do not grow enough. Under good soil it can be sown in May and a cut obtained in August. If the land is not first to be cleaned, sowing can be done in July and August for heavy crops in 1942 and following years. It does best in the south and is first-class insurance against drought. As many as four cuts a year can be taken.

Young leafy grass makes high quality silage that will replace roots. Good silage can be made in almost any weather, and when it is made from aftermath or young timothy grass usually represents a big addition to the gross production of the farm.

Generous use of sulphate of ammonia will increase the amount of back-end grass and hay crop. It will also help hay crop level. of sulphate of ammonia will often produce 10 cwt. of extra hay. The same dressing applied before the end of May to the oats will make a six-quarter crop look only seven sacks.

Every acre will count in this perhaps the most critical, period of the war. Farmers have always shown their resourcefulness in overcoming the thousand-and-one difficulties that daily happen in days like these. In the end it comes down to the man on the farm, who knows his land best, to adapt it to contrive ways and means for obtaining the greatest possible production from that piece of Britain in his charge.

MOTHER OF THREE AND A.T.S.

Married in 1927, mother of three young children, Mrs. Nicholls, of Hawley-road, Margate, told the borough magistrates on Wednesday that she was going to join the A.T.S.

Mrs. Nicholls applied for a maintenance order for herself and two children against the eldest being with the father—against her husband, William Nicholls, a chef, of Shandon Bridge, Shaftesbury.

The husband wrote offering to make a reasonable allowance when he obtained work.

"I don't believe able-bodied men who say they cannot get work," remarked the Clerk, Mr. C. C. Maughan.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight pending inquiries.

The period of grace for the Mat Damages Act, 1941, Business Scheme, has been extended to 31st May. All traders who have not already done so should insure their plant, machinery and other business equipment without further delay.

BARRACK ROOM TRAGEDY

SOLDIER'S SUICIDE AFTER PUNISHMENT

Worried by the fact that he had been sentenced to 14 days field punishment, and also because his mother was dying, a 23-year-old soldier, who had not taken kindly to Army life, shot himself in the barrack-room.

He was Gnr. Victor James Padgham and the tragic manner in which he met his death was witnessed by a number of his comrades, who thought he was lifting the rifle to his eye to look through the barrel.

A verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Deputy Coroner (Mr. E. C. Allfree) at the inquest held at Ramsgate on Thursday.

Witnesses stated that Padgham was a quiet, reserved and well-behaved man but he did not like Army life.

A sister told the Coroner that Padgham was very fond of his mother and she had been given only a few days to live.

The Evidence.

An officer in his battery said he had known Padgham for about nine months. He was a quiet, well-behaved man, consistent in his behaviour. He never had much to say about himself. He had never been in trouble until the previous week, when he was tried by the C/O for military offence and was awarded 14 days field punishment, which should have begun the previous day. It was not a severe penalty, and was quite different from detention. It would have involved him being sent away for 14 days.

At about 8.15 on Wednesday morning witness heard a commotion outside his quarters and on going out to investigate was told a man had been shot in the barrack-room below. He went down and saw Padgham lying on the floor covered with a blanket. He was dead. He was given to understand that the rifle must have been fired while in Padgham's hands.

No Digging.

In reply to a sister of the dead man, the officer said Padgham had not done anything which could be described as a disgrace. It was nothing serious. He did not know decreased had received word that his mother was dying.

Dr. T. A. Gordon, who saw the body at the mortuary, said the top of the man's skull was blown off. There was extensive brain injury. Death was due to laceration of the brain caused by a gunshot wound.

Warrant Officer Perrin said Padgham was quiet and well-behaved. He did not get the impression that he was very keen on Army life. He was a sensible, intelligent man, and was a labourer before joining the Army.

Witness said he put Padgham on fatigues on Sunday afternoon as part of his punishment. He seemed to treat his punishment lightly. Although he was due to go away as part of the punishment, he was not aware of the fact officially.

Re-assuming the body following the accident, he found in the trousers pocket a clip containing only four instead of five cartridges. One cartridge case was extracted from his rifle.

Gnr. Cockburn said he was sitting by his bed cleaning his rifle on previous morning when Padgham came back from breakfast. Padgham walked to his bed and picked up his rifle. Witness thought he was going to clean it. He held it up as though to look down the bore and witness then heard a shot. Witness looked round and Padgham was lying on the floor with a wound in his head. Witness covered him with a blanket and sent for assistance.

Did Not Like Army Life.

Witness said Padgham did not like Army life. He got on well with the other soldiers.

The day following his sentence Padgham told him that if he was sent away he would not come back again.

Bdr. Pickering said on Wednesday afternoon he was asked to take Padgham to have his hair cut. Padgham was curious about it but not with witness. Witness knew he was going on punishment the following morning but Padgham did not think of it. He did not seem too pleased with himself and was a bit depressed. They returned to tea but Gnr. Padgham did not eat much. During tea Padgham asked him what detention was like and said he had heard that this was going away to new barracks. Witness told him to take no notice of it. He said he had some money and asked witness to look after it while he was away. Witness advised him to take it to the captain.

On Wednesday morning witness put the lights on in the barrack-room at 7 o'clock. When other men spoke to Padgham he did not seem to care whether he answered them or not. He did not eat his breakfast. After breakfast witness was folding his blankets when Padgham was, he thought, cleaning his rifle. He heard a shot and saw Padgham falling to the floor. The rifle fell across the bottom of his body. He had told witness that if he was sent to detention he had no intention of arriving. Witness told him not to be a fool.

Gnr. Hutchinson on Wednesday morning he saw Padgham pick up his rifle from the rack. He seemed very downhearted. Later he drew attention to the news he heard a report and a piece of concrete from the ceiling fell on Padgham's bed. He got up, looked round and saw Padgham lying dead.

Mrs. Ethel Hatter of Rye a sister, said she last saw her brother on 4th February, when he was on leave. Before she was he worked in the factory at Sellindge. During a period of quiet man. He had recently heard that his mother was dying of cancer and thought about it. Unfortunately he pressed him. He was very fond of his mother.

Summing up, the Coroner said the bullet could not have got into the rifle unless Padgham put it there himself and he was satisfied that he intended to kill himself. He was also satisfied that at the time the balance of his mind was disturbed.

MISCHIEF FOR IDLE HANDS

"I have never had such an excellent school report before during the past few years," said Mr. L. E. Bray, Probation Officer, at Margate Juvenile Court on Wednesday, of a boy of 15 who admitted stealing £4 10s. from an employer for whom he worked about an hour and a half each day.

"The trouble is that he has not been to school for nearly 12 months," said the Clerk, Mr. C. C. Maughan.

The Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer: If he had had sufficient to occupy his time this would not have happened.

Before the case was adjourned for a week, it was stated that the boy's mother died in 1939, his father was away on war work and he was living with an aunt.

MISSED THE CONVOY

SEAMAN'S LATE RETURN DELAYS SHIP FOUR DAYS

A seaman who, by absenting himself from duty, caused his ship to miss the convoy and remain in port for a further four days, was summoned at Ramsgate police court on Thursday.

The seaman was Michael Martin, aged 55, and the summons was taken out under the Defence Regulations.

Mr. J. H. Robinson, who prosecuted on behalf of the Ministry of War Transport, formerly the Ministry of Shipping, said Martin absented himself without leave from his ship at Blyth on 2nd May. Together with the rest of the crew defendant was warned to be on board between 9 and 9.30 p.m. on 3rd May, to be back by 9.15 so that the ship could sail by 9.30. The other men came on board in good time and the ship was ready to sail on the evening tide and join a convoy going south. Defendant did not turn up until 10.20 and it was then too late for the vessel to join the convoy. She was a slow ship and would have been unable to overtake the convoy. Through defendant's absence the ship was held up at Blyth for a further four days and the Ministry regarded it as a very serious case. At a time when they heard of the necessity for the quick turn round of ships and full use of the shipping tonnages available the delay of a ship for four days was a serious matter.

At this stage in the proceedings the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said he thought it was better that he should not adjudicate as his firm were interested in the chartering of the ship.

Mr. C. J. Fells then took the chair.

Could Not Sail Without Him.

Emile Henri DuBeaume, mate of the ship, said he warned Martin and other members of the crew to be aboard between 9 and 9.30, and said it would be wiser to be aboard by 9.15. When Martin came aboard at 10.20 he was under the influence of drink but was not drunk. He was argumentative and refused to carry out an order. The ship could not sail without Martin as they had only an A/B. signed on.

Questioning the mate, Martin alleged that he was told to be aboard between 9 and 10 p.m. and he denied that he was as late as 10.20. He was in a public-house only 40 yards from the ship and the licensee was sharp on closing time. It would not have taken him 20 minutes to walk from the public-house to the ship.

Concerning the allegation that he was under the influence of drink Martin said "If I stayed in a public-house from opening time to closing time and I was drinking pints and rum the whole time I should not be incapable of duty."

The mate replied that he had not said that Martin was incapable, but that he was, argumentative.

The mate added that Martin was a very good seaman and they had had no trouble with him before.

Seven Days' Notice.

Martin said he had been 43 years at sea and the first ship in which he had ever had any trouble. The trouble began with a matter of wages between himself and the captain. He gave 24 hours' notice to leave the ship and the mate then came to him and said if he left the ship he would give seven days' notice. He protested that he had not signed articles to that effect and the mate told him to read the articles hanging in the fo'csstle. At the end of seven days, the mate explained, he was not expecting to leave the ship, he told him he could not do so as he had given only verbal notice and must give seven days' notice in writing. He had never been asked to do that before. In the circumstances he considered he was not under the captain's orders when told to be aboard the ship by a certain time. He had legally completed his contract.

When Martin again pointed out that in the articles he had to "cease there was no mention of seven days' notice in writing, the mate said it was an order which came out in January.

Defendant said when he had been on ships where the second officer was taken ill he had been appointed second officer and produced discharge certificates to that effect. He possessed no certificate and was appointed purely on his ability as a seaman.

To Consign the Chief Officer.

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinson, defendant said he knew the ship was sailing that night and he intended to sail with it. He was willing to please the chief officer and not the captain.

Robinson pointed out that in the articles signed by the defendant he had signed on for six months and could be released only as a matter of mutual consent and then only with the consent of the captain.

Defendant contended that it had always been customary for a seaman to be able to leave his ship on 24 hours' notice.

Mr. Robinson said he was informed by the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office that notice was usually given in times of peace but did not operate during the war by reason of the conditions prevailing.

Announcing that defendant would be fined £5, the chairman said the magistrates' leniency was due only to defendant's excellent record. He was liable to a fine of £100 or three months' imprisonment.

Defendant said he was earning £4 15s. 5d. a week and it was arranged that the captain should advance the amount of the fine.

No order was made as to costs.

TRIBUTE TO EX-MAYORESS

A tribute to the late Mrs. Noble, wife of Alderman W. R. Noble, whose death was announced last week, was paid by the Mayor (Alderman G. F. Hoare) at the meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

The Mayor said Mrs. Noble won a tremendous amount of respect by her motherly and kindly nature. She worked untiringly to ensure that the mayoralty of her husband was a success. After she ceased to be Mayoress she constantly devoted herself to most of the charitable organisations of the borough.

The Mayor added that whatever Mrs. Noble did was done out of a feeling of kindness and good will. Her pleasure in help those who were less fortunately circumstanced herself. Her passing would be mourned by the people of Margate.

The members stood for a few minutes in silent tribute.

SALVATIONIST KILLED

Well known in Thanet as a member of the Salvation Army, Mr. Robert Harris, aged 77 years, son of Mrs. Harris, of Bridge, Prospect-road, Minster, was killed shortly after leaving a Salvation Army meeting, during a recent air raid on London.

A native of Bridge, Mr. Harris lived at Ramsgate for some time before the family moved to Minster six years ago. Employed by a local laundry, he transferred to London to work for the same firm last year. He had visited Minster at Easter.

The funeral at Minster Cemetery on Saturday was preceded by a service at the Salvation Army Hall.

"This is a fight for freedom and liberty on the one hand, and control and domination on the other."—Mr. R. B. Bennett, ex-Premier of Canada.

AFTER THE WAR

MAKING THE NEW WORLD WORK

By ADRIAN ALLINGTON

Hope is an unquenchable human quality.

In some quarters it is fashionable to deride this virtue, to call it "wishful thinking." (What altogether abominable phrases we invent nowadays!) But the fact remains that hope—or faith, if you prefer another equally old-fashioned word—brought us safely through the darkest hours of last summer.

And now, though the darkness still hedges us about, men's eyes are already beginning to peer hopefully forward, searching for the first glimmer of the dawn. The night hours may still be long but the dawn will come. And what sort of a world, men are beginning to ask one another, shall we see, when at long last the darkness has passed?

We know what the answer would be if Hitler found himself in a position to arrange the world. He has told us already quite clearly what his New Order means. It is founded on the conception of the German people as the superior race. The Nordics are barren-rolk, lords by right of their nationality, all other people are designed by nature to be their slaves. We, on the other hand, have said, and justly said, that our cause is the cause of Freedom. What have we to offer to the world in place of Hitler's New Order? For it must be our peace or Hitler's; Freedom and Justice as against New Order; there can be no compromise.

High Hopes Betrayed.

Those of us who came back from the last war, thoroughly disillusioned about the state of Europe, but with hugely enhanced respect for the fellowmen who had been our companions through the long years, had our ideas about a new world.

That was a time of high hopes. Out of the deliberations of the allied statesmen who, with their military staffs, crowded the hotels of Paris, came certain grand-sounding things. The League of Nations, "a world safe for democracy." Only a few years and remote seem now those days of optimism! And we remember how President Wilson, who had been lionised in Paris as the saviour of mankind, the architect of the future, was promptly disowned by his fellow-countrymen who declined to have anything to do with his League of Nations or any squabbles on the other side of the Atlantic. And our first fish from what a tragic tale of missed opportunities, of muddled, unworthy motives, of gross, lazy, selfish unfaith came again the lights went out all over Europe at the bidding of a crazy megalomaniac, whom we might easily have stopped in time! The extinction of those bright hopes makes indeed a melancholy story.

The tragedy was that the spirit that had won the war evaporated too quickly; the men who had endured to make victory possible were unready, knew to the full the tragic futility of war were scattered, and overlaid. The old political rackets began again over the wireless slaughtered youth. That must not happen this time.

Another Chance.

When Hitler and his monstrous Nazi machine is smashed, the world will be given another chance. And this time we must not fail to grasp it, for this chance may well be the last. It is clear that in a world of dwindling distances, in which neither oceans nor mountains can any longer guarantee immunity, there must be at last some real world-wide association of nations, not only political, economic and other purposes, but principally for defence. And it must not be merely a palace of pious hopes; with airy impractical ideas of peace; it must work. There must be strength at its back.

There is talk now of an international Air Force and it may prove that this colossal engine of destruction will be the means of the suppression of war. But the main point is that this organisation, whatever form it finally takes, will not be founded like Hitler's New Order upon Force, but upon the antithesis of Force, which is Freedom. Freedom will be its watchword and its maintenance. Within the organisation states there must exist for individuals freedom of thought, of speech, of worship. That is the ideal at which we must aim, which we must never lose nor never lose sight of it. It is of the most urgent importance.

It is nonsense to say that it does not matter to other nations what sort of a government any particular country has. If the suppression of individual freedom begins in any state, that is the beginning of evil; there is no telling to what size the hideous unnatural growth will swell. And it does not matter to us that Hitler ruthlessly tortured all anti-Nazi beliefs out of existence and so made the madness of Nazi-ism possible?

Security and Freedom.

Within our own country, too, so we are all saying now, we are to have "jobs for all" after the war. What Hitler has befouled that phrase, but a vastly changed social system in which there is to be security and freedom of opportunity for all, and here again it is well-nigh impossible not to look back and reflect bitterly. Have we not had such cant before? Do you remember the hopeful high-sounding phrases—reconstruction, "a land fit for heroes to live in"?

We must not be fobbed off again with hopeful phrases. And indeed there will be a better chance this time that the voice of the people will make itself heard. For this time it will not be merely a comparatively small and certainly not an active section of the population which has borne the brunt, which has endured the horror, which has risen to the heights of courage and companionship, but the whole great part of the nation, men and women alike, old and young. It will be the duty of the whole people to have found courage and discipline into the years ahead.

For courage and discipline are going to be needed on our part, as well as great vision, great understanding on the part of those who lead us, if we are going to make our own land an example of the Freedom and Justice for which we are fighting and suffering today, and which we are offering to the world as the fruit of our victory.

It is going to be no easy task, in the days that follow the relaxation from the intolerable strain, to forget and consolidate our advance to a better way of life. Schemes and systems and short-cuts to perfection are already beginning to abound.

The deciding factor, in peace as in war, in the international sphere, as well as within the boundaries of our own country, is going to be the will of all of us to make the new world work.

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WOMEN'S CHAT

SOMETHING FISHY

In some districts salt cod is appearing on fishmongers' slabs. To many housewives this fish is a newcomer. They would gladly spend a little time in order to discover a new and appetising dish for the family but they are at a loss to know how to cook it.

At a price ranging from 1s. to 1s. 6d. per lb. salt cod is a good buy, and a little of this fish goes a long way. If the fishmonger happens to have a supply on a day you cannot use it, buy some, for it will keep a long time in its dry state. Tie a string round the piece of fish and hang it up until you are ready to prepare it.

If you want your cod to be a success you must not hurry over soaking it. First wash the fish under running water to remove the surface salt or dust. Put it in a bowl of warm water. Change the water once or twice then leave it to soak for at least 12 hours (preferably 24 hours). Add a pinch of bicarbonate of soda to the water in which the fish is soaking.

When the fish is ready to cook bring it gently to the boil in a shallow pan of unsalted water to cover, to which you have added a dash of vinegar.

Simmer it very slowly for 20 minutes and lift it from the water.

You will greatly improve the flavour of the fish if you add a bayleaf and two or three peppercorns to the water before you start to cook it.

Here are ways of using cooked salt cod:

Baked Fish Cakes.

4 ozs. fish (cooked as above)
2 large well-mashed carrots
2 teaspoonfuls grated sweet herbs
1 lb. mashed potato
1 minced spring onion
1 dessertspoonful Worcester sauce

Mix the ingredients thoroughly, form into small round cakes and roll each in well-seasoned breadcrumbs. Put the cakes on a greased baking tin and bake them for 20 minutes in a moderate oven.

This is a particularly good way of making fish cakes as no fat is required.

Serve this or any other fish dish with plain boiled potatoes as these are not the only good companions of a fish dish. You can serve greens, swedes, carrots, or any kind of vegetable in season with fish and they all combine splendidly.

Fish Salad.

½ lb. fish (cooked as above)
1 lettuce, or 1 saucepanful of shredded raw spinach
1 bunch watercress
1 dessertspoonful chopped parsley
4 or 5 cooked potatoes
1 grated raw carrot

A few spring onions

Flake the cooked fish before it is cool and leave it to soak in a mixture of one dessertspoonful of salad oil, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, and a good dusting of pepper.

Make an attractive platter with the salad ingredients, pile the fish in the centre and sprinkle with parsley. Serve with diced potatoes as a separate dish, dressed with parsley, or with the sliced potatoes forming a "bed" under the flaked fish.

PUBLIC-HOUSE RATING

A recent judgment by Justices Humphrey, Singleton and Tucker in a King's Bench Divisional Court concerning an appeal from a decision of Gravesend Assessment Committee will affect the rating of a large number of public-houses in Kent.

The decision in January, 1940, raised the rateable value of an inn to £94 instead of £73 which was the figure of £40 net, following a judgment in a case before the House of Lords which decided that certain concessionaires could have regard to the rent brewers would pay in competition for licensed houses.

The appeal was by the landlord of an inn at Northfleet and Russell, Gravesend, Dartford and Crayford, of the property, objected on the ground that the assessment was unfair having regard to the decision.

The committee, holding that appellant had established that it was the duty of the committee to consider a change in the value of the property during the war, allowed the appeal on the ground that the assessment should be based on the rent a hypothetical tenant might reasonably be expected to pay in January, 1940. The effect of the decision on that basis was the assessment should have been £80 gross and £64 net.

AMBULANCE OFFICER BEREAVED

The sympathy of many friends will be extended to Mrs. Peggy Garraway, Chief Officer of the Margate Ambulance Corps, and Mrs. Garraway, of Holly Lodge, Connaught-road, Margate, in the loss they have sustained by the death through enemy action of their eldest son, Group-Capt. Frederick Frank Garraway, O.B.E., R.A.F.

Group-Capt. Garraway had had a long and distinguished record of service in the R.A.F.

10.37 p.m. TILL 5.15 a.m.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

"When we sit at home and look around us and notice the possessions either great or small, to which we attach importance, and ask ourselves where they came from, who discovered them, who first thought of them, to whose labour do we owe them, the answer is, without a shadow of doubt, to private enterprise," writes Sir Ernest Benn in "Truth."

"I know of the inequalities, I am conscious of the vast amount of work still to be done before private enterprise will confer on everybody a standard of living considered to be adequate and proper. It would be very glad if some new system could show that it was capable of better results, but this more I study the matter the more am I impressed with the obvious difference of the advocates of new systems to these practical details. I would not myself care to shoulder the immense responsibility which rests to-day upon the Socialist, who, while destroying the only system that has delivered the goods, is prepared in pursuance of some vague speculative political notion, to run the risk of starving 46 millions of us.

"My better New World, when this war is won, will bring us back to worthier tasks than speculations on new systems. We shall set to work with the serious responsibilities of victory upon us, with the whole world looking to us for an example. We shall rebuild the wastage of the past quarter of a century, and in place of the last war's dole. That rebuilding will be done and only done by hard work, hard living and hard saving—the sort of work by which our grandfathers and great-grandfathers raised the standard of living of the whole of humanity."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Reference to the four members of Margate Police Force—P/Cs Taylor, Barnes, Carnhill and Turner—who have so voluntarily and best excepts for flying duties in the R.A.F., was made by Alderman F. L. Pettman at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

Alderman Pettman said it was gratifying to know there was such a spirit in the force and that these men were willing to offer themselves for a very important service and to undertake such dangerous job in the interests of their country.

Two more members of the force, P/Cs W. Verralls and F. Bremner, have since been accepted.

HOME GUARD DARTS

At Southwood House last week members of Ramsgate Home Guard met the members of the Post Office Home Guard Section in an interesting darts match.

The match provided plenty of entertainment and the spirit of friendly interest was obviously shared by the crowds.

Sergt. Nichols, who led the Ramsgate Company, was unfortunate enough to

drop a weight on his foot earlier that day, but it did not prevent him leading his team to victory and getting a weight off his mind.

The match was played sportingly throughout, and the Ramsgate Home Guard company thank the Post Office members for the vigorous game and for the way in which they helped to make the evening an enjoyable one. The lads of the Post Office Home Guard left the winners on their fine victory and expressed the hope that it might be their turn next time.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DEATHS

Cox.—9th May, at 46 Connaught-road, Margate, Ethel Mary Cox, aged 46 years.

Hollands.—On May 2, at Almscliffe, Broadstairs, Margaret Hollands, aged 84 years.

Preston.—15th May, at the residence of his daughter at Ruislip, Maria Preston, formerly of St. Joseph's-road, Margate, aged 84 years. The interment took place on Monday at Ramsgate Cemetery.

Hayes.—On May 16, at 2 Cliff-road, Ramsgate, Edward Samuel Sutton, aged 75 years.

MARRIAGES

Hayes—Eltham.—11th May, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Broadstairs, by the Rev. Father Wilfrid Emery, Daniel Joseph Hayes, of County Limerick, Eire, to Dora Jessie Eltham, of Broadstairs.

IN MEMORIAM

Young.—In proud and affectionate Memory of William Edward Young, late of Holly Lodge, Connaught-road, who passed to rest on the 19th May, 1938.

"From the stress of earth
To the peace of heaven."
—Mother, May, Ruth and Ray.

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